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October 2019





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DoT view

September saw the Autumn Flower Show and the Henge event which was timed to coincide with the Autumn Equinox. These two events really remind us that autumn is now upon us. By the end of this month the clocks will have gone back and we'll be thinking about winter.

But before we get there we have yet another event that has become an annual tradition—apple pressing with barn dancing and a barbeque at Dorchester Abbey. If you've got apples, and a lot of people in the village have, then bring them along on Saturday 5th October and go home with your own apple juice. But no need to go home straight away, as you can dance over the flagstones of the Abbey and enjoy the barbeque - just bring something to be eaten or drunk. And if you don't have apples, just come along for the food, the dancing and the fun.

This issue has gone to press before the Henge event has happened, but we have managed to include some photographs of the Henge installation taken beforehand. We will have a full write up of it in the November issue.

By then we will be looking forward to Bonfire Night, the 2nd November this year, and the DADS' panto at the end of November, which will really start off the Christmas season. Where has the year gone?

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I have a big change

Talking Point

Revd Jon Roberts

that I am; the Dor-

chester Team has left

coming up. A big change that will affect my wife, children and myself considerably. In October my family and I will be moving to Bristol, and in November I will be starting my new job as a vicar there. I've been a 'curate' in the Dorchester Team for over four years, which is like being an apprentice or 'junior' - I was fully qualified after three years in college, and here I've been learning on the job with experienced colleagues, serving across these wonderful village communities. So I leave here fully equipped to go and be a vicar on my own... in theory!

When I first began ministry in these villages in July 2015 I was very green. Since then we've had our trials and tribulations, had our two boys, my own father passed away, I've conducted many funerals, baptisms, weddings, family services, civic services, communion services, assemblies in schools, and goodness knows what else! I've gotten to know a lot of people across the many villages in the Dorchester Team, and this has been a real pleasure. I've spent most of my time in Berinsfield, and have loved

discovering the wealth of community spirit there. The people of Berinsfield have truly blessed me with this experience, of many extended families living alongside one another in the messiness of normal life, never losing their values of community, family, friends, work, and home. This is something that I'll take with me wherever I go.

I've loved and learned a lot working in these village communities. It will be emotional leaving, having to say goodbye to so many people I've worked with, befriended, walked with through some life-changing event, prayed with, or welcomed into the church. It's exciting heading off to pastures new, with new adventures ahead for our family, and going into a new role which will stretch me in ways I'm sure I cannot imagine. But I will not forget the people I've met and walked with in these villages, particularly the people throughout the church congregations, and the people of Berinsfield. You have all had an impact on me, helped to shape the kind of person, husband and father, and indeed priest

your mark on me and my wife, and we will miss you.

My prayers for the villages of Berinsfield, Dorchester, The Baldons with Nuneham Courtney, Drayton St Leonard, Stadhampton, Warborough with Newington, Clifton Hampden, Long and Little Wittenham, and Culham are that you'll be as willing and able to welcome all the other newcomers you'll be receiving over the forthcoming years, as well as you welcomed me into your churches; that you'll have the courage to stand up for the poor, vulnerable, the foreigner and the refugee, wildlife and the environment as you were willing and able to stand up for the importance of my training for ministry and my spending time with my family; that you remember to value the things you've taught me to value, such as community, family, and above all kindness, decency and love.

Until we meet again, goodbye all - May peace and joy go with you, and God bless you.

Harvest Tea, BBQ, Apple Pressing and Barn Dance from 4.30pm Saturday 5 October

We do hope you will be able to join us for all or part of the evening. Tea and Apple Pressing from 4.30pm, Barn Dancing from 5.30pm and BBQ from 6.30pm. Bring and Share a cake for tea or a salad or pudding for the BBQ. Don't forget your apples and containers to put the juice in!

St Frideswide Pilgrimage Friday 18 October Saturday 19 October

Bishop Steven and Canon Edmund Newey write 'We are delighted to invite you to take part in our inaugural **St Frideswide Pilgrimage**. The route begins on **Friday 18 October at 11.00am at Dorchester Abbey with a** short act of worship and formal blessing of the Pilgrimage and finishes with tea and a service at **Christchurch Cathedral starting at 3.00pm on Saturday 19 October.**'

There are a number of different walking routes all led by an experienced pilgrimage group leader and there will be opportunities for reflection on the way. Please look at the leaflet on www.chch.ox.ac.uk for further information. A group will be staying in the Abbey and are planning to visit Little Wittenham – if you have the opportunity to say hello please do.

Memorial Service Sunday 3 November 10.30am

The season of All Saints and All Souls is a special time to remember and pray for those whom we love and who have been examples for us and who have died. Each year at this time I send a particular invitation to the families of those for whom we have hosted Funerals and Memorial Services in recent years. This year the service will be held on **Sunday 3 November** at 10.30am – a list of remembrance is read, prayers are said and there is an opportunity to light candles. Normally people receive a letter of invitation for five years. If there is someone important to you that you would like to be included in the list of remembrance who died longer ago or whose funeral service was held elsewhere you are most welcome to contact the office (**01865 340007**; admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

) or to sign the list which will be on the large table at the back of the Abbey.

Remembrance Service 10.00am Sunday 10 November

We look forward to seeing members of the village community at 10.00am in the Abbey for a short service after which we shall process to the War Memorial.

Advent Sunday 1 December 6.00pm

Jeremy Boughton writes 'There is a service of Advent Carols in Dorchester Abbey for all the churches and congregations in the Dorchester Team. This service is usually sung by the Abbey Choir with a few singers from other church choirs in the team. Would you like to join us? You don't need to be a member of any of the churches, but if you live in the area and would like to sing some not too complicated Advent music, you would be very welcome to join in.

We will be rehearsing on Fridays for about three quarters of an hour in Dorchester Abbey on **Fridays 22 and 29 November** at 7.45pm and on the day at 5.00pm. If you are interested it would be very helpful to know in advance so that I can make sure there are music copies for everyone.

Jeremy Boughton
Organist, Dorchester Abbey
jjbwallingford@tiscali.co.uk

Narnia items still wanted

Further to the item below about items wanted for Narnia, we are particularly looking for old suitcases and trunks suitable for WWII era part of the upcoming 'Narnia' exhibition early next year! Are you able to help us by loaning us one? To be displayed in a stack or on a handcart. Smaller cases would be particularly useful. We are also on the lookout for an old, railway style handcart or trolley, and - long shot - a suit of armour (this would be displayed in a way that it couldn't be handled by visitors to the exhibition). Please contact Margaret Craig (education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk) or Ellie Ribeiro Beaman (EllieKat73@hotmail.com) if you can help.


APPLE PRESSING
and
BRING and SHARE
HARVEST TEA, BBQ
and
BARN DANCE


Saturday 5th October
Dorchester Abbey

Tea and Apple Pressing from 4.30pm
Barn Dancing from 5.30pm
BBQ from 6.30pm

Please bring apples and enjoy pressing your own apple juice (don't forget containers to put it in!).
Please bring cake for tea and something for the BBQ, such as drinks, a salad or pudding to share.

Mulled cider and hot chocolate,
if it's cold, tents if it's wet!

Do come to all or part of the evening:
RSVP (helpful but not essential)
Sue and Malcolm Lucas
lucasm1@btinternet.com
01865 341502



Tower Captain Retires

Erratum: Last month we stated that David Parker had retired as Bell Captain of Dorchester Abbey Tower at the beginning of 2018. That should of course had read that he retired at the beginning of 2019. Our apologies to David.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR 'NARNIA'!

Have you got any items just cluttering up your homes/attics/ garages that could be used for our *Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* exhibition at Dorchester Abbey? OR Would you like to make a THRONE for the White Witch? We're staging NARNIA again in January 2020 and we'd be grateful for any/all donations listed below (please indicate if you would like them returned to you at the end of the exhibition). For further information and/or to discuss a possible donation please contact Margaret Craig the Education Officer on **01865 343164** or drop her an email on education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

We're looking for the following items: throne for the White Witch, two comfy chairs, an old fashioned wardrobe, old standard lamp, dressmaking 'dummies', old coats (real/faux fur if available!) and/or cloaks, old wintery themed decorations, children's table and chairs, white fairy lights, play crowns/cloaks, foam/soft play swords/shields, small table, armchair, bow and arrows, horn, baskets, quilting wadding and/or white polyester stuffing, AND old fashioned non-electric kettle! Thank you!!

Dorchester Lunch Club

The lunch Club dates from October to December are:

Wednesday 9 and 23 October

Wednesday 6 and 27 November (please note that as DADS will be in the village Hall from 11 to 24 November we are unable to have our usual date of the second Wednesday in the month which is why we have chosen the 6 November).

Wednesday 11 December.

The lunches are held in the back room of the Village Hall at 12.30 for 12.45 and the cost is £5 to be paid when you come. **Please phone me (01865 341066) on the preceding Friday of each date if you would like to attend the lunch on the following Wednesday** as it is impossible to accommodate more than 24 people each lunch and so I may not always be able to accommodate everyone if you just turned up on the day, I also need to tell the cooks how many to cater for.

I would welcome new people on my list of participants. The Lunch Club is for retired people in the village, particularly people living on their own.

Susan Jupp
Co-ordinator of the Lunch Club
01865 341066

Monthly Thursday Tea Club

The monthly Thursday Teas for a cup of tea and a natter will start again on **Thursday 10 October from 3.00pm to 4.00pm** in the Back Room of the Village Hall. Also make a note in your cover cost of hire of the Village Hall.

Susan Jupp

Culham & District Horticultural Club



Wednesday 16 October 7.30pm Abbey Guest House, Dorchester-on-Thames

***The Art of a Flower Border* by Mat Reese**

Matt Reese trained at Wisley and then worked in the late Christopher Lloyd's garden at Great Dixter. He is now head gardener at Malverleys, a private estate in Hampshire, where he is developing and redesigning the gardens.

November meeting: Mediterranean Plants by Dr Chris Thorogood

Membership is open to all those who have a keen interest in horticulture (annual subscription £20) and visitors are welcome at the meeting (suggested donation £4). For more details telephone **01235 850381** or email judy@tiggercat.me.uk

Hempcroft Allotments September



At the Dorchester-on-Thames Village Flower Show on Saturday 14 September the plate for the Best Allotment was won by Phil and Abi Pridham-Field. Their plot stands out as an excellent example of crop diversity and conscientious management. Their vegetable beds are interspersed with fruit canes and some areas where flowers are grown.

The Hempcroft Allotment Association is the fortunate recipient of a kind donation from Dr Richard Lynche-Blosse. He has given us three rotavators which are now located in the communal allotment shed. In Richard's words 'they need a little fettling' to get going. They should be a very valuable asset for use by members.

Ed Metcalfe

Event at the Village Hall Sunday 25 August

A Christening party in the early afternoon became problematic as the day progressed, with very loud music and trespass onto the Pre-school grounds. The hall trustees are fully aware of the noise impact on neighbours trying to enjoy the sunshine and we are taking professional advice on the best ways to tackle the issue so that we remain a good neighbour.

Keith Russell
Chairman

DADS: A Lady Mislaid and Treasure Island

Our next play reading evening will be on **Tuesday, 29 October** at 7.30 pm in Dorchester Village Hall. We will be reading Kenneth Horne's popular comedy, *A Lady Mislaid*. Everyone is welcome, whether you would like to read or just want to listen and enjoy a glass of wine.

Rehearsals for our panto *Treasure Island* are going really well. Performance dates are **20 to 23 November**. Our pantos are always popular and we often sell-out so make sure that you get your tickets early. They will be available from mid-October via Dorchester Co-op and www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads.

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St Birinus Primary School News

Our summer term certainly kept up a good pace as we reached the end of term in July – here are some of the highlights:

• As you may have been aware, we were visited at the beginning of the half term by Ofsted. I was very proud of the children throughout the inspection, in the way they were willing to share all their good work with the inspector. A big thank you to the staff for their hard work all year but particularly this week and to the Governors for their support. I was also very proud to announce that the inspector agreed that the school continues to be good. A copy of the report can be found on our website.

• Our annual visit to the Festival of Voices in the Abbey. Phoebe, Sasha, Cecily, Angelina, Nola and Bella joined the seven



other schools to sing a variety of songs with the customary 'Believe' and 'World in Union' bringing the evening to a close. Despite the few rehearsals, the girls did brilliantly and represented the school well. The only challenge for them was to watch me sing (with the other teachers) at the front of the Abbey and then play a kazoo, which is something no-one should be forced to watch.

Pre School



A special welcome to the new families who started this term, Charlotte and Asher, and also those who are returning to Dorchester Pre-School for another year. It is lovely to see you all after the summer holidays.

Both new starters have settled in amazingly well, especially Charlotte who has been busy learning all her new friends' names, so much so that Helen awarded her the 'first' manager's award of the school year. Well done Charlotte!

September was a busy month, full of wonderful activities for the children, notwithstanding the creation of a 'Dorchester Pre-School Cookbook', which will be added to whenever the children cook, make or bake some tasty bites. You never know, this could be coming to a store near you soon!!

Following on from the success of the Halloween party last year, we are planning a repeat this October. Please look out for further details in the coming weeks, and get your creative juices flowing for the fancy dress.

On a side note, some villagers may already be aware that the Pre-School fell victim to vandalism over the summer holidays. Thankfully this isn't something that happens regularly. However, dishearteningly it resulted in £330 worth of damage to the children's outdoor play equipment. A lot of time and effort was put in by Pre-School staff cleaning up the damage to ensure that the area was safe for the children to use at the start of term. A big thank you to them and hopefully this can be resolved.

Lauren Collett
Secretary, Dorchester Pre-School.

• Squirrel class headed to the Cotswold Wildlife Park for an exciting day observing all the animals and having a ride on the train. I know they all had a great time and Mrs Grenfell and Mrs Goby were very impressed with their concentration and behaviour throughout the day. It sounded so much fun – I wished that I had gone with them!

• We were so lucky with the weather for our annual Sports Afternoon. As always it is so good to see the teamwork and support shown by the children for all their houses. It was also fun to see the return of the parents' races this year – eagerly requested by the children. Thank you to the PTA for organising the cake stall for the afternoon - it raised £59.30.

• Our school play 'Mystery at Magpie Manor' (a mystery set in the 1920s) was performed twice by our talented KS2 children. I was so proud of their performances; for their singing, acting and, for some, the challenge of learning the lines. Thank you to the staff for their help and especially to Mrs Burns for sorting out additional costumes and the props.

• A few months ago, Fox class entered a Poetry Competition organised by the Somerset Literacy Network. Each child created their own tree poem and I am pleased to announce that Nola Kelly came second in the Lower KS2 category, winning a poetry book and a framed print of her poem. Well done to her and to Fox Class for all their efforts for the second year running.

• Over the last few weeks of term, we were very lucky to have had special visitors working with classes on the local Henge project. Fox class have made sketch books and produced some poetry, Squirrel class have helped to create special henges and Owl class did some art work based on the Stone Age period as well as some music offering. Thank you to Adrian, Miranda, David, Tim, Sophia & Rosie for their time.

• In the Abbey on the last day, we held our Leavers' service dedicated to the Year 6 children as they prepared to leave us. I certainly wish them well for their next exciting adventure. This is the seventh year to present the Luke Chadney Cup for Enthusiasm and Contribution, which was generously donated by Mr and Mrs Chadney in memory of their son, Luke. This year, the cup was awarded to Annabelle King, who the staff felt had made a valuable contribution to school by willingly helping others in need of a friend. Well done Annabelle – well deserved.

At the end of term was the opportunity for the adults of the school community to show their musical and dancing talents in a special concert in the Abbey. I was so impressed that so many people were willing to put themselves in the limelight – I really enjoyed it. Thank you to Sarah Gauden for all her amazing efforts in preparing the concert – a wonderful evening! It was great to see so many people supporting us and helping us to raise over £1,000

As you read our news, we will have been back for a month and as always we are certainly looking forward to another exciting year at school.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

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Christmas shopping event – Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 November, 2.00-5.00pm

Come to the Museum Gift Shop and buy your Xmas presents early, with warm spiced apple juice and mince pies!

Museum opening for Abbey coffee morning –Tuesday 19 Nov, 10.00am-12noon

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Look out for news of events to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Museum – coming soon!

Dorchester on Thames Historical Society

Wednesday 23 October 2019, 7.30pm, Village Hall Back Room

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Looking forward, the talk on **27 November** will be Tim Healey on *'A 17th Century Christmas'*.

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Margot Metcalfe
Chairman

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Art on the Hurst

A drawing by artist Miranda Creswell was displayed on the Hurst for three weeks last month in conjunction with 'Henge 19'. Miranda's work depicted the large black poplars which grow on the far boundary of the Hurst, near to Buck Pool. The true black poplar, as opposed to hybrid varieties, is one of Britain's rarest trees and in recent years Hurst trustees and volunteers have planted several small saplings on the Hurst and Overy Mead Piece.



Miranda expressed particular interest in the way that the natural world is constantly 'on the move', and on the importance of valuing such endangered trees. She spent time in the Hurst observing the poplars and drawing them, finding inspiration in the shape and configuration of their leaves which "catch the wind and light from every direction" and produce a constant rustling sound, even in light breezes. It was a new venture for Miranda to place her drawing out of doors in the landscape from which she drew her inspiration. We hope that those who saw it were pleasantly surprised and intrigued.

**Gillian Johnson
Hon. Secretary**

www.hurst-water-meadow.org.uk

Earth Trust

River of Life II

The Earth Trust are delighted to invite you to our public consultation for our River of Life II wetland creation project.

This is an opportunity to learn about the River of Life II project to create wetlands along the River Thames between Overy Mead and Clifton Meadow and further ponds in Little Wittenham Woods. There will be visuals on display to explain the project, its background and importance along with some more practical elements around local impact.

The exhibition will be attended by Earth Trust and partner staff who will be on hand to answer your questions and talk you through the project in more detail. There will be an opportunity for you to provide us with your feedback before we submit the planning applications.

The exhibition will run in several locations, and will run for one day only at each location between 3.00-7.00pm and is a drop in event with no need to book. The venues and dates are listed below.

We hope to see you there.

The Earth Trust team

Venues and Dates:

Dorchester Village Hall: Thursday 17 October

Long Wittenham Village Hall: Friday 18 October

The Manor Little Wittenham: Monday 21 October

Clifton Hampden Village Hall: Wednesday 23 October

All 3.00pm to 7.00pm



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26 November 1.30-4.30pm



Come and get in the mood for the festive season in the Abbey Guest House by crafting something new for your Christmas decorations! We will be offering you the opportunity to make a textile Christmas Tree Wall Hanging on Monday morning, **18 November**, and a freestanding 'Book' Angel and an Angel Garland on Tuesday afternoon, **26 November**. The cost is only £15 per workshop including all materials and accompanied by cups of tea/coffee and cake! We will demonstrate the crafts, but there is scope for your own creative interpretation, if you prefer! **BOOK NOW:** advance booking closes on **11 November**.

For further information or to book your place please contact Margaret Craig, Education Officer, Dorchester Abbey on **01865 343164** or email education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk. Alternatively, you can send a cheque made payable to 'Dorchester Abbey PCC' indicating which workshop(s) you wish to book for and send it to: FAO Education Officer, The Parish Office, 8 Manor Farm Road, Dorchester OX10 7HZ



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Football Results North Berks League Div 3



31/08/2019	Kingston Colts Adults	0	2	Dorchester First
07/09/2019	Marcham First	1	2	Dorchester First



Dorchester Cricket Club

Results, Division 3 Dorchester

17 August 2019

Dorchester v Kidlington
Kidlington won by 135 runs
Kidlington 238 for 5
Dorchester 103 all out

24 August 2019

Broughton and NN v Dorchester
Broughton and NN won by 5 wkts
Dorchester 125 all out,
Broughton and NN 126 for 5.

31 August 2019

Dorchester v Radley
Radley won by 4 wickets
Dorchester 153 all out
Radley 154 for 6

7 September 2019

Marcham v Dorchester
Marcham won by 5 wkts
Dorchester 143 all out
Marcham 147 for 5

Results, Division 6 Dorchester II

17 August 2019:

Steventon II v Dorchester II
Dorchester II won by 51 runs
Dorchester II 208 for 4
Steventon II 157 for 8

24 August 2019:

Dorchester II v Watlington II
Watlington II won by 110 runs
Watlington II 209 for 7
Dorchester II 99 all out

31 August 2019

Westcott II v Dorchester II
Westcott II won by 7 wkts
Dorchester II 78 all out
Westcott II 83 for 3

7 September 2019

Dorchester II v Oxenford III
Oxenford III won by 187 runs
Oxenford III 304 for 7
Dorchester II 117 all out



Pimms, Scones & Smashing Tennis

A truly lovely afternoon was enjoyed at our recent summer tournament, with champion duo Sally Bell and newbie member Neil Houghton beating finalists Rachel Marriott and Alan Woodley in an exciting winning set 6-4. Great tennis superbly matched by quality of afternoon tea.

Continuing Schedule

Our regular schedule will continue throughout autumn and winter. We have recently been joined by new members so please do come along and join them and us to enjoy sociable tennis – all abilities welcome; we would love to meet you!

Sunday

10.30am to 1.00pm - Open club session

Wednesday

Adult coaching 9.00am – 11.00am
11.00am – 1.00pm Open club Session

Thursday

10.30am - 12.30pm - Open club session

Friday

10.30am – 12.30pm Ladies morning

Saturday

9.30 am – 1.00pm Gentlemen's morning

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End of season league tables

Division 3	P	W	L	T	NR	Batting	Bowling	Points	Total	Runs/Wkt
Hook Norton	18	16	2	0	0	76	78	320	474	26.23
Combe	18	12	6	0	0	68	72	240	380	29.23
Kidlington	18	9	7	1	1	64	66	195	320 *	24.36
Radley	18	9	8	0	1	46	66	185	297	16.52
Risinghurst	18	8	9	0	1	58	59	165	282	19.02
Marcham	18	7	10	1	0	61	67	150	278	18.66
Brill	18	7	10	0	1	43	70	145	258	16.75
Wantage	18	7	10	0	1	58	51	145	254	18.94
Broughton and NN	18	6	11	0	1	62	60	125	247	19.56
Dorchester	18	4	12	0	2	43	55	90	188	16.24

Division 6	P	W	L	T	NR	Batting	Bowling	Points	Total	Runs/Wkt
Steventon II	16	11	5	0	0	56	63	220	339	21.76
Oxenford III	16	11	5	0	0	39	66	220	325	15.67
Chesterton	16	9	6	0	1	47	63	185	295	20.26
Hook Norton II	16	8	7	0	1	42	65	165	272	14.52
Westcott II	16	7	9	0	0	47	64	140	251	17.67
Watlington II	16	7	9	0	0	42	66	140	248	16.08
Swinbrook	16	7	9	0	0	44	61	140	245	15.75
Kidlington II	16	6	10	0	0	46	61	120	222 *	18.06
Dorchester II	16	5	11	0	0	36	55	100	191	14.6

* Points adjusted for irregularities

HENGE19

A sense of place

In early April I stood on Wittenham Clumps overlooking a slice of land encompassing the Dyke Hills, the Hurst Water Meadow, the site of the Double Ring Henge, the Cursus, Round Hill and Fort Hill.

To me that portion of land appeared like a stage. I imagined our ancient forbears who occupied that stage: they settled, built homes, cleared forests, established communities, raised families, honoured ancestors, marked the seasons, puzzled over the Nature of Life and finally passed on. The thought occurred to me that we now occupy the same plot of land and engage in the same basic human activities, "we all have our exits and entrances".

From that simple thought came **HENGE19**, a celebration of the sense of place and the continuity of community, which ties us to those who lived on this plot of land before us.

HENGE19 took place on the 20th to the 22nd of September during the Autumn Equinox on the Hurst Water Meadow and in the Abbey Guest House. The Henge itself comprised a circle of electric blue glowing rock forms, decorated with poetry, strange animals and people, and accompanied by prehistoric

drumming and forest sounds.

HENGE19 Lifting the Gaze was an accompanying exhibition of the work of 12 artists who had spent part of their summer contemplating our relationship with this slice of land. Their work was displayed and discussed with guests on the Saturday evening. Also included

was a drawing by Miranda Creswell of a Black Poplar tree on the Hurst, one of the most endangered species in the British Isles.

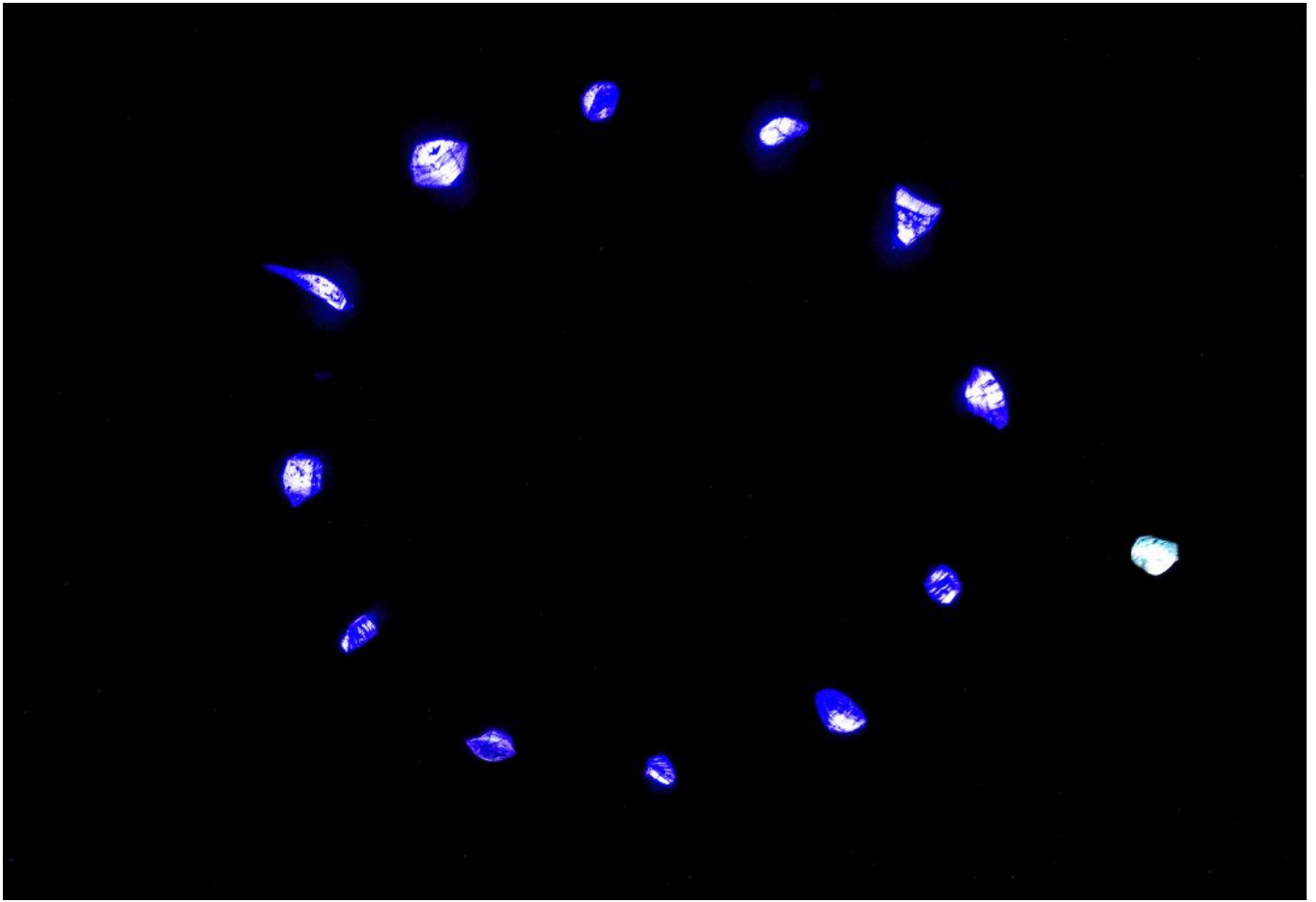
The pupils of St Birinus Primary School were also involved in the **HENGE19** and their poetry, painting, drawing, sketchbooks and musical compositions were on display in Dorchester Abbey.

It is hoped **HENGE19** will be a pilot for a future event on Wittenham Clumps, which will similarly celebrate the beauty of this ancient landscape.

A full report on the **HENGE19** events will appear in the next issue of Dorchester News

Adrian Brooks





The 2019 Autumn Flower Show

In the years I've been involved in running the show we have had floods, The 'Beast from the East', the hottest summer for 40 years (2018) and now a full-on Autumn drought. The only thing we haven't had (yet) is a plague of locusts.

A big thank you to everyone who entered, and to those who came along to view the show – we had a good crowd. The entries for the show were down a little bit which is hardly surprising as it was quite a late show this year, and the dry weather made growing difficult. If you're wondering why the show was so late, we are always having to juggle dates to try to avoid the Bunkfest weekend, and because our judges also do the Kennington show which happens around the same time.

Anyway, the judges reported that there was no decrease in quality throughout the entries, and there was a special mention for the extensive range of jams and jellies that were staged on the day.

The roll of honour is adjacent – congratulations to all the prize winners, and especially to Charles Dickerson for winning four trophies. What is so special about the soil at Drayton St Leonard? Come on you Dorchester, Burcot and Berinsfield gardeners, let's see you rise to the challenge.

The Spring Show will be on **Saturday, April 4 2020**. Happy growing, baking, painting, photographing, arranging etc.

**David Wilkinson
for The Committee**



**The 2019 Autumn
Saturday 14**



Photo: R Juniper



Photo: G Roberts



Ann Flower Show September



Photo: R Juniper



Some of the winners:

- Left: Margot Metcalfe
- Top left: John Myres
- Above: Charles Dickerson
- Right: Mylo Budd
- Far right: Alastair Mucklow

Pictures of winners: by G Roberts

Roll of Honour

Children's classes

A monster made from recycled materials	Age 8 and under	1st equal: Delilah Budd, Mylo Budd 2nd: Cressida Kilby-Birch
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	Aged over 8	1st: Alastair Mucklow
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Adult classes

Best Kept Allotment Tray	Phillip Pridham
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Runner Bean Plate	Roger Seabrook
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Pat Cheese Potato Cup (best potato exhibit)	Charles Dickerson
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Vegetable Collection Plate	Charles Dickerson
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R Belcher Onion Cup (best onions in show)	John Myres
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Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup (best tomatoes in show)	Richard Juniper
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Best Vegetable Award	David Parker
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Fruit Plate (best exhibit of fruit)	Donna Watkin
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Blackwell Photography Cup (best photo in show)	Gordon Roberts
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Jerry Nudds Gentleman's Fruit Cake Plate	Nigel Evans
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Victoria Sandwich Award	Nick Forman
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Rose Plate (best rose in the show)	Vera Baker
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H C Smith Dahlia Cup	Charles Dickerson
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Floral Art Cup (best flower arrangement)	Janet DeLaine
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Britain in Bloom Cup (most points in flower classes)	Margaret Broadbent
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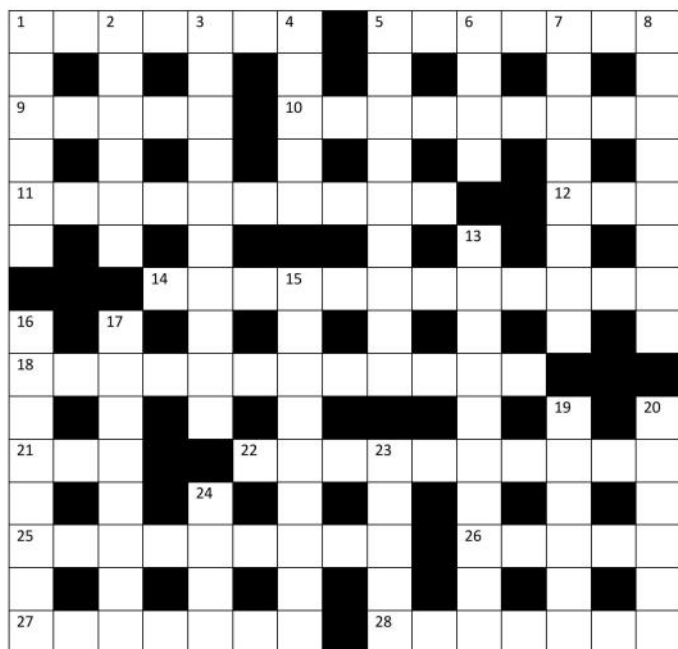
Amey Tankard (Man with most points in show)	Charles Dickerson
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Amey Rose Bowl (Lady with most points in non-flower classes)	Margot Metcalfe
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Dorchester News Crossword No. 10

Compiled by Slider



Across

1. Spread around for Miss Fitzgerald. (7)
5. Damaged pontoons but nothing missing - keep going! (7)
9. Put forward work in China perhaps. (5)
10. Article two extremely loud boys put out (9)
11. Frightful lady gooser but productive in the henhouse. (4,6)
12. In summer Americans push in. (3)
14. Unarticled book accountant gets a short time and distance on the green. (8,4)
18. Uniquely, as in a far star, their Messiah was an old emperor. (12)
21. A name to the West for the strait. (3)

22. Is this sort of loopy flying a bit coarse? (10)
25. It's on the phone and made much of - twice altogether. (9)
26. More of a background role. (5)
27. More palatable thanks to rank. (7)
28. Profits on performances . (7)

Down

1. Cast off to reach the Southern Irish lake. (6)
2. Loans I got together for a girl. (6)
3. Geriatrics go to a hold-up ? This could be reckless behaviour. (3,3,4)
4. On a day outside only get the cash. (5)
5. Tin-free it upset the queen. (9)
6. The sun is high but there is an endless shortage of people (4)
7. There's a lesson to be learnt when mummy sounds like a bird. (8)
8. Put money into restricted Gable feature (8)
13. The lady's wobbly table in condition needing support. (6,4)
15. Genuflecting at the pub perhaps? (2,1,6)
16. Anticipating a soft ruling. (8)
17. Variants of a chemical, one with two points after termination with O contained . (8)
19. The groundbreaking Surgeon could be someone not straight up. (6)
20. Like comments leading to trials. (6)
23. Stranger gives too many barbiturates to the German. (5)
24. Scot, one to get a flyer in position. (4)

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The October Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 9 October** commencing at 7.30 p.m. and the November Meeting on **Wednesday 13 November** also commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Agenda will be posted on Village Noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website – www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance of each meeting.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public; a resident who wishes to raise any matter of concern is welcome to do so at the start of the meeting.

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), 5-7 High Street, Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7HH

Telephone (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency) **07745 311439**. Text messages are always welcome.

email: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Cllr Mark Williams, the Chairman, can be contacted via chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

For information about the Parish Council go to <https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/parish-council/> This includes the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings and financial information such as monthly bank balances and payments as well as a record of all planning matters upon which the Parish Council has been consulted and reports from our County and District Councillors.



From the Chairman of the Parish Council

Whilst we've all been enjoying the summer the parish councillors and I have been busy on your behalf. And, more importantly, so have SODC and local residents as well. What have we been up to?

The answer is starting to tidy up our wonderful village, which I have mentioned before is a top priority for the council during its period in office. The Parish council have been organising clearance work by the entrance to the cemetery; and SODC recently asked us for some local clean-up priorities and, after consulting with our Parish council, they have been clearing gullies and weeds along the high street. I hope you can see the difference.

As we make more effort to smarten the village, as I have said in a previous message, we want to encourage action by residents on things that are important to them. We just won't achieve what we want by waiting for our councils, Parish, SODC or OCC, helpful as they can all be, to make the running. So I was delighted to hear of three examples this month; firstly action by Meadside residents to take the lead on clearing a path that has deteriorated; secondly work to improve the Hurst path; thirdly scything of the bank in the cemetery. All great examples of residents pulling together to take care of the broader environment.

If we can keep these ideas coming we can make a real difference, so hopefully we will see other initiatives come forward and the Parish council will do its best to support worthy efforts. So if you do have ideas please do let me or the other councillors know.

Mark Williams
Chairman of DoT Parish Council

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The Friends of Dorchester Abbey and the Beauforest Society

Help to support your Abbey.



The Friends of Dorchester Abbey and the Beauforest Society are charities that support the Parochial Church Council but have a separate legal identity. They raise funds to be used exclusively for the restoration, maintenance, and improvements to the structure of the

Church and the Abbey Guesthouse. Recently these have included new sound and lighting systems, and major repairs to the stonework of the Abbey.

The Friends and Beauforest Society have promoted and supported social events such as concerts, flower and craft festivals, lectures and visits to other cathedrals and abbeys. All members receive a regular newsletter and the Beauforest society members are invited to an annual event in the Abbey, usually in the autumn.

The annual subscription for the Friends is a minimum of £25 or Life Membership of £350. For the Beauforest Society the annual subscription is £100.

Details of the work of the Friends together with application forms can be found on the Dorchester Abbey website www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk and the Friends' notice board in the Abbey.

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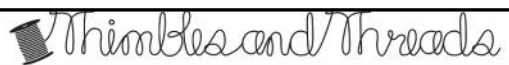
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From your County Councillor... ...Lorraine Lindsay-Gale



Statement from Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Leader Oxfordshire County Council

The decision by the new Liberal/Green coalition at South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) to defer endorsing the emerging Local Plan has serious implications for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid which would provide £218 million of vital infrastructure for the Didcot area.

The preferred options of the coalition at the council meeting on 18 July were to either revise or withdraw the emerging Local Plan although a decision was deferred. Should either of these options be taken then the probable outcome is the collapse of the HIF bid with the consequent severe impact on the Didcot area infrastructure. This would then probably mean South's existing Local Plan would come under pressure and large-scale speculative planning applications might come forward on inappropriate sites. Neighbourhood Plans that many town and parish councils have spent time working on will continue to provide some protection, but there is a real danger that developers might seek to exploit the situation as there would be no new Local Plan for Neighbourhood Plans to align with.

Problems are not confined to SODC; if there is no HIF then the Vale Local Plan could also fail.

This could mean that within months of new administrations in South & Vale taking office, both Local Plans might fail due to the loss of £218 million for vital infrastructure in Didcot. A further consequence could then be the failure of the £215 million Growth Deal which contains £60 million for much needed affordable homes.

The only way to protect both Local Plans and deliver £433 million funding for Oxfordshire is for SODC to confirm it will not withdraw the emerging Local Plan but will satisfy its ambitions by seeking a review at an appropriate time in the future.



Culham and Clifton Hampden Primary Schools to merge

Informal consultation has been taking place into merging Culham Parochial Primary School and Clifton Hampden CE Primary School. Sadly, after all the efforts that were made to save the school some years ago, the numbers have been dwindling and have now reached the critical level of under 30.

A statutory notice will be served by mid September, and a public meeting will be held towards the end of the month. Representations can be made until mid October. So far, 18 children will transfer, who can be accommodated at Clifton Hampden, following some minor internal works to make better use of space. The County Council is arranging transport for these children.



Residents group Bachport defend the Green Belt for a second time

There can be few local residents who are unaware of the highly visible campaign that has been waged against Hills Quarries attempts to extract sand and gravel between Clifton Hampden and Culham over a huge stretch of land running down to the river. A first application to the County Council was rejected by the Planning Committee two years ago. But the company came forward with a second very similar application which was heard on 15 July 2019. I was delighted to be able to speak at the meeting for BACHPORT (Burcot and Clifton Hampden Protection of the River Thames) because I am concerned about the impact on the already congested road network of 100 gravel lorries per day, and the safety implications for pedestrians and school children in Clifton Hampden.

This area faces an uncertain future currently, with plans for a badly needed new river crossing and road up from Didcot and a bypass for Clifton Hampden, and potential housing development between the Europa School and the Science Centre.



Free school transport for disabled young people is retained

Young people with special education needs and disabilities will continue to be funded by Oxfordshire County Council, following a decision by Cabinet members on Tuesday, 16 July.

A cross-party group of councillors reviewed the service for students with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) aged 16 or older to find savings needed by the council in response to reduced government funding.

The council has worked with 14 SEND schools to identify the necessary £300,000 of savings for post-16 home to school transport; removing any current need to change existing SEND free transport arrangements. A separate fund has also been created to provide transport for children to go to after-school activities.



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From your MP...

...John Howell

I am writing this letter in the second week of September at a time when we have seen some extraordinary events in the House. I wrote last month about the disenchantment that some people have with the behaviour of some politicians and added my own ongoing disapproval. The House of Commons Chamber is a lively place, where Members on all sides often feel passionately about the issues being discussed. While there can often be a reasonable amount of noise, there are longstanding procedures in place to ensure the chamber remains respectful. However, the way in which some senior colleagues have behaved of late is not befitting of the high office that they hold, and I share the disapproval on this. Some behaviour has been insulting to colleagues and is far from the usual respectful way in which the business of the House operates. I am also dismayed at the recent behaviour of the Speaker which again is unprecedented. The Speaker should be politically impartial, and a key task is to maintain orderly debate in the Chamber. The habit of the current Speaker of insulting MPs has not set a good example. Both in the House and outside I have always maintained that people should be able to disagree without resorting to personal insult and abuse. We are all human and none of us gets it right all of the time but I am pleased when I can have robust discussion with constituents where we disagree but find no need to be rude to one another.

One of the problems with recent debate is the way in which people of different sides of the argument have been labelled and stereotyped. This is true both inside and outside of the House. I know from letters and emails sent to me that there are many complexities to views held and reasons for retaining or relinquishing our membership of the EU. There are many gracious people who seek to understand the view of others and indeed there are those who will only listen to voices which speak the same view as them. Even the Archbishop of Canterbury was caught up in a problem with language when he said 'We have to take seriously the fact that the majority voted Leave. We may not like it, but that is democracy; and that means we have to stop whingeing about it and do something about reuniting the country.' When criticised for the words 'stop whingeing' he apologised and said 'What I was aiming to say was that in this political situation, just talking in increasingly hostile language does us no good. Nor is it helpful to only look backwards.' I think this is a constructive reflection from the Archbishop.

Over the summer period I spent quite a bit of time knocking on doors in various communities across the constituency simply to get a feel for the national, international and local issues that were on people's minds. In this period of prorogation I will continue with this as well as pursuing a programme of local meetings which would normally happen in the conference recess which usually happens at this time. I look forward to the opportunity for many more conversations.

My office remains open during this period and I am still able to raise issues with Ministers and government departments as appropriate. If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me please do email me at howelljm@parliament.uk, phone on **0207 219 6676** or **01491 613072** or write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD).

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- Sat 26 **Downton Abbey** (PG)
- Mon 28 **Sorry Angel** (15)
- Tues 29 **Judy** (12A)
- Wed 30 **Judy** (12A)
- Thurs 31 **Judy** (12A)

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Friday 4 October 8.00pm
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Wednesday, 16 October to Saturday, 19 October, 7:45pm
Sinodun Players present Blood Wedding by Federico Garcia Lorca
 See right.

LIVE SCREENINGS

Tuesday, 1 October 7.00pm **NT Live: One Man, Two Guvnors**
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Monday, 21 October 7.00pm **Royal Opera: Don Giovanni**
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Delayed live screening from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Sung in Italian with English surtitles.

Kasper Holten's 2014 production for The Royal Opera casts Don Giovanni as an artist who thrives on an audience enticed by his creative gifts.

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Thursday, 24 October **Royal Opera: Don Pasquale**
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What's on in Wallingford



Stu Darby
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



Your last chance to see...

There is a last chance to see this year's special exhibition 'Once upon a time...' - the changing face of Wallingford at Wallingford Museum, as the Museum closes for the winter on 30 November, to prepare for new presentations in 2020.

This exhibition is about how we connect with times past by exploring Wallingford's history and archaeology. Wherever we live, the familiar surroundings of our houses, our streets and our town, can remind us of the people that came before us, their work and their lives shaping our present and our future.

In this engaging journey of discovery throughout the museum, you'll be invited to share any local knowledge you may have and to reminisce about your own history. The exhibition runs throughout the museum, with a sheet to guide people round. There are 'hands on' things for children - a 'Family Friendly' experience.

The Museum is open until **30 November** on Tuesdays to Fridays 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and Saturdays 10.30am - 5.00pm.

Judy Dewey
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Wallingford Flower Club

Wednesday 9 October

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Wallingford Gardening Club

Thursday 10 October

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'The Bronze Age and Iron Age in Wallingford: the results of excavations at Slade End Farm'



This latest talk at The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will be by Gerry Thacker of Oxford Archaeology.

The talk will focus on the proposed Slade End Farm housing development in Wallingford, which covers some 20 hectares. This site was unusual for the Thames Valley, in that Roman archaeology was almost entirely absent. The presentation will discuss the prehistoric remains, with some attempt to place these within the wider landscape, especially in regard to previous investigations around the town.

Our previous talk about the Winterbrook excavation will be briefly discussed to describe some of the findings from that site and how they relate to Slade End Farm.

Gerry Thacker has worked for Oxford Archaeology for some 20 years, and is a Senior Project Manager specialising in running large scale rural excavations throughout the Thames Valley and beyond - although he has dabbled in everything from the Upper Palaeolithic through to industrial era sites.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 9 Oct**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan
www.twahas.org.uk

Wallingford U3A

2 October. Dr Martin Holmes an Oxford historian whose visits are eagerly awaited will return by popular request, this time to speak on 'John Major - A reputation revised.' Dr Holmes is brilliant, entertaining and breathtakingly knowledgeable. He takes few prisoners. Relevant always, his views should, at the moment, be especially interesting.

6 October: we are off to Cornwall for our annual holiday.

Our **Sunday Lunch Group** is reconvening now it is autumn. We meet in local pubs. It is like a family lunch: but no two year olds, no teenagers and no washing up. For more information phone **Lee** on **01491 838478**.

30 November: we are booked to see *Singin' in the Rain* at Sonning Mill. Lunch and the Matinee. This is always a popular outing.

Meetings are at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome for the talk, tea and biscuits and the chance to meet and chat to people, about the talk or anything else. Come and join us.

For more information please visit our website u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford or phone Jill on **01491 835994**

Day by day

Wed
2 Oct **Chiropodist**
Village Hall (see p18)

Sat
5 Oct **Apple Pressing and Barn Dance**
Apple pressing from 4.30pm
Barn Dancing 5.30 pm
BBQ 6.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun
6 Oct **Trinity 16**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Rachel Carnegie)

10.30am
Morning Service Harvest

Tues
8 Oct 10.15am
Short Communion

Wed
9 Oct **Lunch Club**
12.30pm
Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm
Village Hall

Thurs
10 Oct **Thursday Tea Club**
3.00pm
Village Hall

Sat
12 Oct **Concert**
OSJ
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun
13 Oct **Trinity 17**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd David Haylett)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist



Wed
16 Oct **Chiropodist**
Village Hall (see p18)

Culham Horticultural Society
The Art of a Flower Border
by Mat Reese
7.30pm
Abbey Guest House

Thurs
17 Oct **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

Earth Trust
River of Life II
3.00pm to 7.00pm
Village Hall

Fri
18 Oct **St Frideswide Pilgrimage**
11.00am
Dorchester Abbey

Sun
20 Oct **Trinity 18**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
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10.30am
Family Service

5.00pm
Choral Evensong

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Wed
23 Oct **Lunch Club**
12.30pm
Village Hall

DoT Historical Society
Prof Malcolm Airs on:
'William and Jessie MacFarlane
and their Mission for Dorchester'
7.30pm
Village Hall

Sun
27 Oct **Last after Trinity** Clocks go back
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist



Tues
29 Oct **DADS**
Play reading
A Lady Mislead by Kenneth Horne
7.30pm
Village Hall

Weekly events

Monday **Tai Chi**
2.00pm
Village Hall
Fishmonger
3.30pm by War
Memorial (page 18)

Tuesday **Coffee in the Abbey**
10.30am-12noon
Bellringing Practice
7.30pm Abbey

Wednesday **Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church**
9.30am
Keep Fit Senior Circuits
10.00am
Village Hall
Mobile Post Office
10.30am
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ABBEY WEBSITE

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REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 4 Oct **Black**
Fri 11 Oct **Green**
Fri 18 Oct **Black**
Fri 25 Oct **Green**

Weekdays from 7.00am

Weekly: food waste (in bio-degradable starch-based bag or wrapped in newspaper, in green caddy).


The recycling centre at Oakley Wood (off the A4130) is open 8.00am – 5.00pm seven days a week.

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TREASURE ISLAND

20 – 23 November 2019
Dorchester Village Hall



Wednesday	7pm	£8	(under 12s £6)
Thursday	7pm	£10	(under 12s £8)
Friday	7pm	£10	(under 12s £8)
Saturday	4.30pm	£10	(under 12s £8)

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